



ALEXANDRIA.
TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11.

IN THE Senate yesterday Mr. Vest said "the operation of the civil service reform system had been unjust to a majority of the people, and that the result of that system had been that under a democratic administration whole bureaus were full of republicans, with hardly a single democrat to be found among them." All wise democrats, who know anything at all about the matter, talk the same way, though many of them not so openly. But still the President, in his letter of acceptance, endorsed the civil service reform system, and said it had introduced "business methods in the operation of government." And this, too, though Senator Blackburn, two days before, had evoked the unanimous applause of the immense throng assembled at the Thurman demonstration in New York, by opposing that system, and though Mr. Cockran, who, the very evening the letter referred to was given to the public had eloquently defended the President on the floor of Congress, says no man would or could conduct a successful private business on the civil service plan.

THE REPUBLICAN protectionists in their speeches and letters to Southern farmers lay great stress upon the alleged benefits conferred by a high tariff upon farmers by means of the home industries it stimulates, and the home market it thereby affords the farmers for their products. Well, an ounce of patent fact is worth a ton of unsubstantiated assertion. Connecticut, in proportion to its size, is the greatest manufacturing State in the country; and yet the census report shows that the profits of the farmers of that State are decreasing yearly, and that those farmers, like their fellows in Virginia, are growing poorer as they grow older. But the lesson of the tariff is even plainer here in Virginia. The protective tariff has been in operation ever since the close of the war; but the industries of the State that are now protected are not as numerous nor as profitable as they were before that time, and the farmers thank their stars if at the close of the year they can make "both ends meet."

TRULY THE times do change, and men with them. A few years ago for one Senator to have told another he did not believe him, and that he came into the Senate full of whisky, disgracing himself and the Senate, would have provoked other than a wordy retort. But the strangest thing about this change is the fact that not only the provocation, but the avowed willingness to afford personal satisfaction for Senatorial insults, now come from the North. Mr. Blair, of New Hampshire, announced, a short time ago, after making an insulting remark to Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, his willingness to accept a challenge from the latter gentleman, and Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, yesterday, after discrediting the word of Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, and accusing him of drunkenness, said he was willing to parallel with that gentleman in the Senate or any where else. It is passing strange, but probably it is better.

"EVERY million of dollars collected at our custom houses for duties upon imported articles and paid into the public treasury represent many millions more, which, though never reaching the national Treasury, are paid by our citizens as the increased cost of domestic productions resulting from our tariff laws."

So says President Cleveland in his letter of acceptance. Every word of it is true; and the sooner the voters believe it, and act upon that belief in casting their votes, the better it will be for them. The tariff tax is not only added to the price of imported goods, but to that of similar goods made in this country. A part of the former reaches the treasury, but not a cent of the latter goes beyond the pockets of the protected manufacturers.

WHEAT and wool brought better prices before the war than they do now. The tariff before the war was low; now it is high. Wheat and wool are staple agricultural products. Judging from these indisputable facts, a high tariff is not conducive to the interests of the farmers; and the proof that it is not is strengthened by this other fact that the price of farm lands is not as high now as it was when a low tariff was in operation.

AS ANTICIPATED by all well informed people, the result of the election in Maine yesterday was a largely increased republican majority. Not only the civil service law, but the more objectionable civil service rules, which later can be obliterated by a voluntary stroke of the President's pen, have been rigidly enforced in Maine. Other motives than principle govern the majority of men, democrats included. Sad, but true.

IT MAY be parliamentary for Senator Mitchell to tell the Senate he does believe Senator Morgan believes what he, Morgan, says. But if a question of veracity between the Senators referred to were submitted to a jury, there would be little delay in the verdict, in view of the fact that Mr. Mitchell is sailing under false colors, that his real name is Hipple, and that he changed it to avoid unpleasant consequences.

THE ARTICLE in another column on the effect of the tariff upon wages was written by an educated and intelligent foreign-born resident of this city. It shows that its author is conversant with his subject.

From Washington

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11, 1888.

The result of the election in Maine is the chief topic of conversation at the Capitol today, and as is natural is viewed through the glasses of those who look at it. The republicans' mouths are stretched horizontally and their faces are so broad that as Mr. Payson, one of them, says, they have to enter the doors of the House sideways. They say the result shows that the entire North will be solidly republican. The democrats, on the contrary, say that with all the effort the republicans made to carry the State, with Mr. Blaine there to help them, and with the lumber and fish interests in their favor, and with the threatened danger to the trade of Portland from the President's re-election proclamation, the wonder is that their majority was not larger, and that it is nothing but another case of the Dutch having taken Holland.

It is reported that Representatives Morgan, Felton and McKenna, the three republican members of the House from California, have received telegrams from home to the effect that the support the democrats give to all anti-Chinese measures in Congress, and the delay in the adoption of those measures caused by the republicans, have made California such a doubtful State that they had better come there as soon as possible, not only to help to save the State but to secure their own re-election, which is said to be very doubtful.

Mr. Vest, the republican member of the House from the Staunton, Virginia, district, who has just been re-nominated, says that he will have a pretty hard fight, but that he expects to be re-elected. In reference to the President's letter of acceptance, he says it is directly at variance with all the recent public expressions of the Virginia democracy on the subjects to which it refers.

A democratic Senator told the GAZETTE's correspondent to-day that the conference report on the sundry civil bill would be adopted either to day or to-morrow, and that the deficiency bill, the last one of the regular appropriation bills, the fortifications and army bills having passed yesterday, would give rise to little, if any, further debate, and would become a law either by the last of this week or the commencement of next, and that he thought the session would not be prolonged five days later than the passage of that bill. He seemed to think that it would have been better for the democratic party if Congress had adjourned two months ago.

A delegation of Virginia republicans, of the Mahone wing, headed by ex Mayor Lamb, of Norfolk, who were invited by the national republican committee to consult with them with reference to the canvass in Virginia, passed through here yesterday, on their way to New York. Gen. Mahone himself is expected here to-night.

General Lee has returned from Louisa Co., Virginia, and was in his seat in the House to-day, as were also Representatives Yost and Bowden of his State. The General and Messrs. Meredith, of Prince William county, and Cardwell, of Henrico, addressed the democrats of Louisa at the county court of that county yesterday. The General says that notwithstanding the inclement weather prevailing at the time there was a pretty good turnout, and that from what he saw and heard he was induced to believe that the Louisa democracy is solid.

The House committee appointed to investigate the charge against Representative Stahlacker, of New York, of influencing architect Smithmeyer in the award of contracts for the new congressional library, brought by Representative Kelley, of Pennsylvania, met this morning, but postponed operations until a subsequent day.

The Senate to-day, after the routine business, in which a substitute for the anti-trust bill was reported by Mr. Sherman, went on the calendar, the first bill being one to pay certain loyal war claims. There was no allusion to what took place between Messrs. Morgan and Mitchell yesterday afternoon, all mention of which is excluded from the Congressional Record. The House resumed the consideration of the sundry civil bill, the section relating to the irrigation of western lands giving rise to some debate.

The Congress of American physicians and surgeons will meet here next week.

The Storm in Virginia.

Much damage in various parts of the State has been done by the prevailing wind and rain storm. A cyclone passed over Nansemond, Isle of Wight, and Southampton counties yesterday morning, prostrating trees, chimneys, corn, fences, and the telegraph lines, doing considerable damage to the cotton and corn crops. E. T. Cross, a prominent farmer of Nansemond county, was killed by a falling tree while fishing in his mill pond. Dispatches from Danville say there have been heavy rains there, and the Dan river is higher than for many years and is still rising. Trains over the Richmond and Danville road have been delayed by washouts, and no trains have been run over the Danville and New River road. Two washouts are also reported on the R. & D. road south of there, and no trains arrived there from the South yesterday. There are serious freshets in all streams, and much damage to crops is feared. The heavy rains must also injure the growing tobacco. From 11 o'clock to 6 o'clock yesterday water in the Dan river rose at the rate of eight inches per hour, since 6 o'clock rising twelve inches. Information from above is to the effect that all the streams emptying into the Dan are rising rapidly. There are indications of the most destructive freshet ever known in the Dan river. A dispatch from Staunton says it has rained there twelve days in succession. The wheat in stacks is sprouting and is much damaged. Cloverseed is seriously injured.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.—The Fredericksburg Star calls attention to the following section of the Code of Virginia and asks that it be enforced by the council of that city. It is of general interest to members of city and town councils in the State:

Sec. 824. It shall not be lawful for any member of the council or board of aldermen, or any other officer, or agent, or any commissioner appointed for the opening of streets, or any member of a committee constituted or appointed for the management, regulation or control of corporate property of any city, to be a contractor, with the said corporation, or its agents, or with such committee for any work or labor ordered to be done, or goods, wares, and merchandise, or supplies of any kind ordered by the said corporation, or by such committee, to be purchased, or in any manner, directly or indirectly, to be interested in the profits of any such contract. Every such contract shall be void, and the officer, agent, or member of the committee making any such contract, shall forfeit to the Commonwealth the full amount stipulated for thereby. No officer of a city, who alone or with others is charged with the duty of auditing, settling or providing by levy or otherwise for the payment of claims against such city, shall, by contract, directly or indirectly, become the owner or interested in any claim against such city. Every such contract shall be void, and if any such claim be paid, the amount paid with interest may be recovered back by the city, within two years after payment, by action or motion in the circuit or corporation or hustings court having jurisdiction over said city.

On Sunday, September 30, by direction of Pope Leo XIII, a requiem mass will be celebrated in all the Catholic churches throughout the world as the closing services of his jubilee.

Personalities in the Senate.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. Morgan introduced a bill appropriating \$276,619, to be paid to the Chinese minister at Washington, as full indemnity for all losses and injuries sustained by Chinese subjects who have been "in remote and unsettled regions of the United States the victims of injuries in their persons and property at the hands of lawless men," and proceeded to address the Senate in explanation and advocacy of it, and on the subject of the pending bill for the absolute prohibition of Chinese immigration. So far as he was concerned, he had reached the conclusion that the will of the American people as to the total exclusion of Chinese laborers was an irrevocable decree, and that that exclusion must be effected through the operation of law, not through that of a treaty. He proposed to adhere to that ground now that it was reached.

A question that was put to Mr. Morgan by Mr. Mitchell was treated by the former as an attempt to draw him into a political discussion, and he said he had no objection. "I believe," said he, "that after you nominated Mr. Harrison for the presidency of the United States the Chinese government, knowing his record, believed that by delaying the question until after the November election it might get an administration that would be favorable to Chinese immigration."

"I do not believe," Mr. Mitchell replied, "that there is a single solitary mind in the United States of America that honestly believes any such thing."

"The Senator," said Mr. Morgan, "is very dilatory in the use of that word 'honestly.' I have just stated that I believed it; and does the Senator undertake to say that I do not believe it?"

"I do not believe that the Senator does believe it," said Mr. Mitchell.

"I will not be interrupted by a man of your character in the impeachment of my honesty," Mr. Morgan indignantly exclaimed.

"So far as my character is concerned," said Mr. Mitchell's response, "I am willing to parallel it with that of the Senator from Alabama, either here or elsewhere."

"I expected some interference of this kind when stating this question," said Mr. Morgan. He then went on to discuss the Chinese exclusion bill, and declared his intention to vote for a reconsideration of the bill, in order to have the bill which he had just offered added to it as an amendment, and also to have it amended in other particulars so as to make it more perfect and useful than it would be in its present shape.

At the close of Mr. Morgan's speech his bill was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Mr. Mitchell then took the floor to reply to the remarks of Mr. Morgan. He was not surprised, he said, in view of the inconsistent and contradictory record of the Senator from Alabama on the Chinese question, that, when interrupted by a perfectly proper question, he should lose his temper, fly off to a rage.

The presiding officer (interrupting).—"The Chair thinks that the Senator from Oregon is going too far. He must proceed in order."

Mr. Mitchell.—The Senator from Oregon will endeavor to proceed in order, and certainly will proceed in as much order as did the Senator from Alabama, who was not called to order either when he violated the parliamentary rules of this body in direct and explicit terms, the Senator from Alabama has been for years past, and until within the last seven days, the devoted champion of treaty rights. He has denounced in the Senate and before the committee on foreign relations various propositions looking to the exclusion of Chinese from this country. But to do and behold when a democratic House of Representatives passes a Chinese exclusion bill (even without reference to the Senator from Alabama) jumps clear over the fence, turns around and declares himself in favor of that bill, and absolutely votes for it—going back on his whole record on that question. The Senator with that kind of a record is not in a position to question the sincerity of Senators on this floor—as he has done, and without any provocation to him. Without any provocation whatever he has resorted to personalities, and violated the rules of this Senate by referring to my character. Mr. President, whatever I may have done since I have been a member of the Senate, what ever I may have done in all my life which I ought not to have done, I can say to the Senator from Alabama that there is one thing which I never have done—and that is, I have never, since I have been a member of this body, come into the Senate chamber full of whisky, disgracing myself and disgracing the Senate."

Mr. Morgan occupied his seat quietly and without evincing the slightest emotion or sign of impatience as Mr. Mitchell applied these uncomplimentary remarks to him.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The rumored burning of the Ocean View Hotel Sunday night was caused by the burning of J. F. Creamer & Bro's store, near Tanager's Creek Cross Roads, about a half mile from Christian Hill.

A mail route has been established in Fauquier county, between Delaplane, by Kerfoot, Upperville and Paris to Millwood, six times per week. The route between Delaplane and Paris now in operation is discontinued.

President Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, is now in London talking to the English stockholders about the advisability of purchasing the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia stock held by the Richmond Terminal.

Albert Coleman, colored, charged with the murder of a farmer named James Grant, in Norfolk county, has been arrested. Coleman confessed the murder, and talked about it freely and in the most cold-blooded way. He told how the blow was struck, and said that he did it because his victim owed him money.

A. A. Sutherland, who was indicted at the August term of the Albemarle grand jury for forging school warrants, has been arrested in Staunton and lodged in jail at Charlottesville. After the discovery of the forgery Sutherland surrendered all his property, which secured the school board against loss, and disappeared. He went West, but failed to secure employment, and returned to Virginia.

The passenger train on the Norfolk and Western Railroad leaving Lynchburg at 12 o'clock yesterday ran into a land-slide west of Farmville, causing a complete wreck of the engine, baggage and mail cars, and one passenger coach. Engineer Richard Pond and Fireman Pat Cavey escaped almost miraculously without severe bruises. Express Messenger Wells, Baggageman Farley and Mail Agent Worthington were also bruised. There were about thirty passengers, all of whom escaped injuries.

Sudden Death.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 11.—Hon. W. A. Quarrier, chief attorney for the Kanawha and Ohio railroad, and one of the most prominent members of the State bar, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart trouble. He was a prominent candidate for the U. S. Senate before the last legislature.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Enoch Pratt, of Baltimore, celebrated his eightieth birthday, yesterday, receiving the congratulations and good wishes of many friends.

James Fogarty, the young peddler, who was jabbed in the eye with an umbrella in New York on Saturday midnight, died yesterday.

Julius Galliard, a former resident of Alabama, is now lieutenant general of the Thirteenth French Army Corps, and has command of 36,000 men.

Samuel Drake, an actor, is supposed to have committed suicide at Springfield, Mo., to escape the vengeance of his four wives, who were after him for bigamy.

The Prince of Wales arrived in Vienna yesterday. His visit is made in response to the Emperor's invitation to witness the maneuvers of the Austrian army.

Emperor William reviewed the Third Army Corps at Templehof Common yesterday, and afterwards rode to Berlin at the head of the color company of the eighth regiment of infantry.

Congressman Samuel J. Randall is slowly convalescing from the illness which prostrated him three months ago. He is confined to his room, but his strength is gradually returning.

The present rainy spell extends from Florida all along the coast to the New England States. In many sections high wind storms have occurred accompanied by heavy falls of rain, doing more or less damage.

Maria Catherine Washington, colored, of Carlisle, Pa., yesterday died at her home, aged one hundred years. It is said she was one of George Washington's slaves, but never had the honor of shaking hands with George Washington.

The Savannah river has flooded Augusta, Ga. Heavy rains have brought the river up to the highest register since 1840. The suffering among families in the low built houses will be considerable, but steps will soon be taken to relieve them.

Daniel Bennett, the aged Wall-street broker, who was mysteriously wounded in bed at his home, on Jersey City Heights, Sunday morning, still lives and will probably recover. No definite clue to the would-be murderer has yet been found.

The King and Queen of Italy and the King and Queen of Portugal have arrived at Turin to attend the wedding of the Duke of Aosta which takes place to-day. One hundred couples want to be married on the day of the Aosta wedding.

Among yesterday's subscriptions in New York for the relief of the afflicted in Jacksonville, Fla., was one for \$12,000, the donation of one man, who, refusing to give his name, presented Mayor Hewitt a \$10,000 gold certificate and two \$1,000 bills.

The League games for the baseball championship played yesterday resulted as follows: Indianapolis 4 New York 3; Chicago 8, Boston 3; Detroit 7, Washington 3; Pittsburgh 1, Philadelphia 0; Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0. New York will play to-day at Chicago, Boston at Indianapolis, Philadelphia at Detroit and Washington at Pittsburgh.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Curry, Minister to Spain, is a great surprise to many of his friends. The President has now the Russian and Spanish missions to fill. Mr. Kelley will probably be promoted to the Spanish mission. He is now at Cairo, Egypt, a member of the International Tribunal. The diplomatic objections to his appointment to a European court are understood to have been long since waived.

For twenty-four hours ending at 6 p. m., last night there were 32 new cases of yellow fever at Jacksonville and 6 deaths. Total number of cases to date, 636; deaths to date, 85. Many deaths have been caused by lack of good nurses. When the eighteen nurses from New Orleans arrived there were five applicants for every one; but they had to go to the hospitals and patients sick at their homes will have to do the best they can until more come. Great efforts will be made to get out a train to-day to the North. It is thought that a large number of persons are willing to go, as the people now see the necessity of it.

POLITICAL NOTES.

New York democrats are delighted with President Cleveland's letter of acceptance. Congressmen Mills, of Texas, and Wilson, of West Virginia, will speak in Richmond Friday evening.

A call has been issued for a democratic caucus of the members of the House of Representatives to be held Thursday night.

The democratic State convention of New York which meets in Buffalo to-morrow, will unquestionably nominate Governor Hill for re-election.

Governor Lee and Messrs. George D. Wise and R. F. Beirne will speak at the barbecue to-morrow at Drewry's mansion, near Manchester.

T. N. Mottley, of New York, who has never lost an election bet, and who won \$3,000 on Cleveland's last election, yesterday bet \$1,000 that he will be re-elected.

Hons. John W. Daniel, W. H. F. Lee, and R. Walton Moore, and others, will address the people of Fairfax, at Fairfax C. H., next Monday, about half-past one o'clock p. m.

General Mahone, the chairman of the republican State committee, is busily engaged in sending out campaign literature and perfecting the organization of his party in the various districts.

It is expected that Mr. James W. Covert, of New York, Congressman Perry Belmont's predecessor in the House of Representatives, will succumb now that Mr. Belmont has decided not to be a candidate again.

Returns from the Maine election yesterday indicate large republican gains over the vote of 1886, when Boutwell's majority for Governor was 13,561; and Mr. Blaine, in a telegram to Gen. Harrison, claims that the republican majority will reach 20,000.

Hon. Wm. H. Hatch, of Missouri, and Hon. Charles T. O'Ferrall addressed a large audience of democrats at Woodstock yesterday in Dan. Shelby's circus tent, the weather being inclement. R. J. Walker and Senator Riddleberger made speeches on the street, endeavoring to dissuade the republicans from patronizing the circus, but without avail. Mr. Shelby informed the republicans if they wanted to speak they could have the use of the tent also.

Reports from several of the black-belt counties represent that the negroes are manifesting a greater spirit of independence in this canvass than ever before. It is believed by some who profess to be informed that more colored men in this State will vote the democratic ticket this year than was ever known before in a national election. The democratic leaders, though, are not counting much upon promises of assistance from the negroes. They feel confident of carrying the State for Cleveland this year by an old-time majority, even without such assistance.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.
SENATE.

The House amendment to the Senate bill for a pension to the widow of Gen. Heintzelman (reducing the amount from \$100 to \$75 a month) was not concurred in, and a conference was ordered.

Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported the Senate bill to declare unlawful trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production.

HOUSE.

Immediately after the reading of the journal the House resumed the consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

A Frightful Accident.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 11.—W. H. Rasmussen, late principal of the district school at Richfield, and Henry Hague, of Elsinore, while on a pleasure trip in Monroe Canon were rolling stones down to the water. While Rasmussen was in the act of rolling a boulder, the earth gave way beneath him and he fell from a precipice fifty feet high, and was instantly killed. As he went down he struck on a jutting crag and his throat was cut and the flesh torn from his cheek. His body was frightfully mangled and nearly all the bones were broken.

The Maine Election.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11.—Fourteen towns in Knox county give 194 republican plurality. The same towns in 1886 gave 352 democratic plurality. The republicans elect Senators, Representatives and county officers except sheriff and register of probate.

CALAIS, Me., Sept. 11.—Thirty six towns in Washington county give Barleigh 4,345; Pitman 3,048. The same towns in 1886 gave Bodwell 3,827; Edwards 2,776. The entire county will give nearly 1,300 majority, against 989 two years ago.

Catholics and the Public Schools.

MALDEN, N. J., Sept. 11.—Father Flatty of St. Mary's Church on Sunday announced at all the masses that he had received instructions from the Archbishop that at a meeting of the church dignitaries held at Baltimore instructions were issued that all Catholic parents having children must send them to the parochial schools under pain of sin. A number of pupils who formerly attended the public schools began yesterday to attend the parochial school.

Effects of Lightning.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Sept. 11.—Lightning played havoc in this section during the storm yesterday. The Methodist church at Nora Springs was struck and burned to the ground. The large stock barn, together with a large quantity of hay, grain, machinery and horses belonging to G. B. Rockwell was fired in the same manner and all was consumed. Eli Johnson's barn at Ellington with hay, grain, etc., was also burned.

Yellow Fever.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 11.—The official bulletin for yesterday reports only 32 new cases of yellow fever for the 24 hours ended at six p. m. and six deaths. The total number of cases to date 636; total deaths 79. It is estimated that there has been 30 per cent. more cases principally very mild than have been reported to the Board of Health. Thirty five cases are reported in the town of McClelleny.

Destructive Floods.

MADRID, Sept. 11.—The rivers Xenil, Guadalejo and Granada have overflowed their banks, causing great destruction to property in the adjacent country. Villages have been destroyed, and bridges swept away. The people have become panic stricken and have taken refuge in the mountains. Many persons have been drowned. Twelve corpses have already been recovered.

Prize Fight.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—There was a hotly contested battle at dawn to-day at Bay Chester, on the Harlem River branch of the New York and New Haven Railroad, between Jack Grace and Jack Delancy at 130 pounds each. Both are well known lightweights. Six rounds were fought, when Delancy was declared victor. The fight was for a purse of \$150 and a bet of \$150 on each round.

Desperado Killed.

MUSCOGEE, La., Sept. 11.—While resisting arrest Dan Barnett, a noted desperado, was killed with a bullet by Marshal Tyson and posse. The officers had been tracking him for several days and finally found him near Muscogee. He drew his revolver and was promptly shot down.

Abandoned Dory.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The little dory Dark Secret, which started on its voyage from Boston to Queenstown some weeks ago, was abandoned at sea by Capt. Anderson, who arrived here this morning in the Norwegian bark Nora.

The McCoy-Hatfield Murders.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Sept. 11.—The trial of the principals in the McCoy-Hatfield murders has not yet commenced. Reports of their acquittal originated in the dismissal of three men who were only held as witnesses.

The Baltimore to be Launched.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The Navy Department has been informed by Messrs. Cramp & Bros., that they propose to launch the cruiser Baltimore at their ship yards in Philadelphia on Saturday next at 9:30 a. m.

Safe of a Mare.

BRODEAD, Wis., Sept. 11.—A. N. Randall has sold his trotting mare Daisy to L. V. Harkness of Kansas city for \$5,000. She trotted half a mile in 1:09 last Saturday.

Fatal Explosion.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—Eight persons have been killed and five injured by the explosion of a threshing machine at Ciron, Department of Indre.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

A west-bound train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio road, carrying Grand Army veterans to the national encampment at Columbus, was wrecked yesterday evening at Rittman, three miles west of Wadsworth, Ohio. The connecting rod of the locomotive drawing the special broke, and the train was stopped on a curve. While waiting for repairs to be made a freight train, which had been following, thundered down the heavy grade at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, and although warning was given, it was impossible to avert the collision. The locomotive of the freight plunged into the rear of the special, wrecking four cars. The excursionists had notice of the danger, and all succeeded in getting out of the cars before the crash came, but as they hurried down the embankment the wrecked coaches rolled down upon them, killing four persons outright and injuring twenty-five others.

OFFICIAL.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria held on the 10th day of September, 1888, there were present: John I. Sweeney, esq., President, and Messrs. Atkinson, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Corbett, Groom, Snowden, Walley, Smoot, Strider and Germond.

The following resolution, to wit: "Resolved, That the Committee on Light is hereby authorized to purchase a gas exhaustor for the use of the Alexandria Gas Works, as recommended by Mr. W. H. Hantzman, Superintendent, in his letter to the City Council dated September 6th, 1888, received from the Board of Aldermen on September 7th, 1888, and laid over, was called up, and the action of the Board of Aldermen concurred in by the following vote, viz: Ayes, Messrs. Atkinson, Snowden, C. N. Moore, Fisher, Groom, Walley, Corbett, Smoot, Strider and Germond—10 No, Mr. President—1.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

ROOMS STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Sept. 11, 1888.

The following additional appointments are authorized:

RICHARD F. BEIRNE—Elector at-large.

Highland, Tuesday, September 25.

Pulaski, Monday, October 1.

Wythe, Monday, October 5.

Scott, Tuesday, October 9.

D. GARDNER TYLER—Elector.

Southampton, Monday, September 17.

Princess Anne, Thursday, September 20.

Surry, Tuesday, September 25.

Isle of Wight, Monday, October 1.